



## **Surfrider Foundation**

October 31, 2003

Mr. Victor Vasquez  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Subject: Waste Discharge Requirements and Cease and Desist Order for El Morro  
Trailer Park

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

The Laguna Beach Chapter of Surfrider Foundation supports the adoption of Tentative Order Nos. R9-2003-0228 and R9-2003-285, which will serve to stop further illegal discharges of wastewater to groundwater and surface water from the residents of El Morro Trailer Park at Crystal Cove State Park.

As you are aware and as we have discussed, the existing inadequate wastewater treatment and disposal system predated by approximately three decades the acquisition of the trailer park land by the California Department of Parks and Recreation in 1979. You are also aware that the current final lease of the land by the El Morro Trailer Park residents terminates on December 31, 2004. Illegal discharges from the El Morro trailer park will automatically cease upon removal of the trailers.

Our understanding is that the California Department of Parks and Recreation plans to begin construction of new facilities in January 2005. The conversion project includes the connection of new park facilities to the municipal sewer system, restoring El Morro Creek, elimination of all nuisance flows to the Pacific Ocean, a comprehensive storm water treatment system, public parking and camping facilities. This winter and next spring, State Parks will complete construction drawings and obtain the necessary permits to implement the project. The project is fully funded and on schedule.

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We support the Tentative Orders proposed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and the planned conversion of the trailer park to a state campground. Both actions will improve water quality at Crystal Cove State Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Wilson".

Rick Wilson

Chairman, Laguna Beach Chapter  
Surfrider Foundation